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### Speaker's Chief of Staff says special prosecutor has no authority to barge on legislative campus without consent, intimidates employees

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan's top official, Chief of Staff Charles Long, said Special Prosecutor Alan Balaran has exhibited disrespect for Navajo culture and has intimidated various legislative branch employees when requesting documentation related to his ongoing investigation of tribal slush funds.

"The special prosecutor shows disrespect to Navajo people and does not conduct himself in a professional manner," Long said. "To get what he needs from the Legislative Branch, he terrorizes my staff. It would be appreciative on his end if he would notify me of his request instead of tactically intimidating Navajo employees."

Today, the special prosecutor, accompanied by Chief Prosecutor Bernadine Martin, a President Joe Shirley appointee, and Navajo police officers, requested more documentation from the Office of Legislative Services for his pending investigation of tribal discretionary funds.

This past Friday, the special prosecutor exhibited the same unprofessional conduct when he seized documents from the Office of Legislative Services and the hard drive from former Chief Legislative Counsel Frank Seanez's government-issued computer.

"It is very disappointing that a person with such disposition was hired to conduct an investigation and I am appalled that the chief prosecutor and police officers of the Navajo Nation are complying and accompanying him," Long added. "They are not standing up for our sovereignty, our Navajo people. They allowed him to barge into our legislative campus to do what he wants."

Mr. Long also said the special prosecutor took a box of documents from the Office of the Auditor General, who was to conduct a report before the Government Services Committee today on President Shirley's use of discretionary funding.

"There is a possibility that the president's investigation will not occur and it is very likely that those documents will disappear," Long added. "The special prosecutor is not licensed through the Navajo Nation Bar Association to practice law and has no jurisdiction over Navajo Nation funds. This is a very big concern of my office."

The special prosecutor was hired by the Navajo Nation Council to specifically investigate the Office of the President and Vice President's role in the lost of millions of federal dollars in two tribal enterprises – BCDS and OnSAT - which his investigation has yet to highlight.

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